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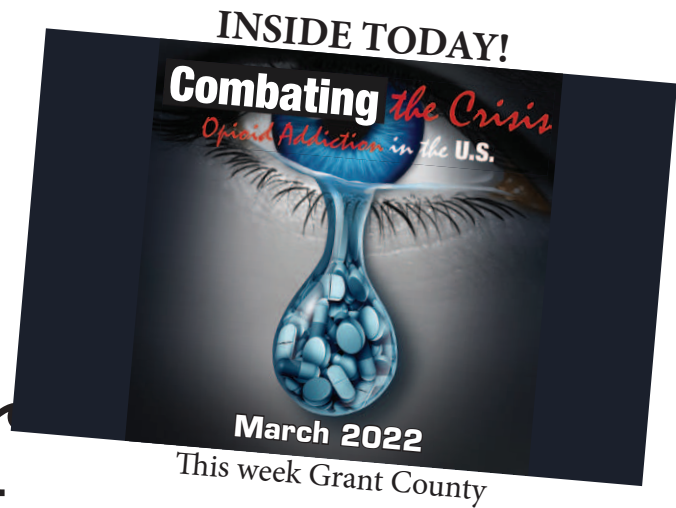
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Special section announcement

The Wabash Plain Dealer is publishing a special series each Wednesday until March 30 in collaboration with our regional news group. See pages A6 and A7 for the fourth part of our five-part series looking into overdoses and substance use disorder. The goal of the section is to increase collaboration to reduce fatal overdoses and drug dependency in north central Indiana. Thank you for your continued support.

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Democratic senatorial candidate to visit Wabash

The only remaining Democratic primary candidate for this year's U.S. Senate race in Indiana will soon be visiting Wabash. The Wabash County Democratic

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Adam R. Kneubuhler sworn in as WPD first class patrolman

WPD now seeking applicants for open probationary officer position

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During the March 15, 2021 Wabash City Council meeting, Adam R. Kneubuhler was officially sworn in as a Wabash Police Department (WPD) probationary officer. Mayor

Scott Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool said At Large Councilman John Burnsworth administered the oath because Long was unavailable.

WPD public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said Kneubuhler grew up in Kendallville and graduated from East Noble High School in 2010. Benson said Kneubuhler is married and has one child, and all three of them reside in Wabash.

At the time of his initial swearing-in, Kneubuhler

had completed his 40-hour preliminary training over the previous week before starting his patrol duties. Benson said as with all new officers, Kneubuhler was required to attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy within his first

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During the Monday, March 28 Wabash City Council meeting Adam R. Kneubuhler was officially sworn in once again, this time to a new rank.

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Wabash County Election Board tests voting machines



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

From left, Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper, instructs Wabash County Election Board members Nancy Whitmere, of the Wabash County Democratic Party, and Nan Rowe, of the Wabash County Republican Party, on testing voting machines before the Tuesday, May 3 primary election.

The last day to register to vote in the Tuesday, May 3 primary election is Monday, April 4

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On the morning of Monday, March 28, the Wabash County Election Board

met in the Wabash County Clerk's office to prepare for Tuesday, May 3 primary election.

Wabash County Clerk and Wabash County Election

Board secretary Lori Draper said an important part of the meeting was the testing of the voting machines.

Draper said the Wabash County Election Board

tests the voting machines before every local election. "The Election Board consists of three people, one

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Applications open for the annual Self-Reliance Awards

Midwest Eye Consultants, Wabash Kiwanis Club again honoring local high school seniors

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County high school seniors who wish to apply for the annual Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance Awards should take action now.

Self-Reliance chair Beth Miller said applications and instructions are currently being distributed to guidance counselors at each of the county's high schools.

High school seniors may also fill out an application by visiting www.midwesteyeconsultants.com/self-reliance.

Applicants will need to have their applications completed and returned to their guidance counselor by Monday, April 11.

Miller said the county-wide awards program is sponsored and funded by Midwest Eye Consultants and administered by the Wabash Kiwanis Club.

"The awards honor seniors who have exhibited self-reliance to achieve

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Local libraries planning National Library Week celebrations

WCPL, NMPL will have many options for patrons to participate during spring break

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

National Library Week has been scheduled from Monday, April 4 through Saturday, April 9 and local libraries are hoping patrons off for spring break will help them celebrate the occasion.

This year's theme, as designated by the American Library Association, is "Connect with Your Library" and focuses on technology and human connections, said Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) community

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'Debra Lynn and Friends' take the stage Friday, April 1 at Manchester

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University Department of Music presents "Debra Lynn and Friends," a composition recital, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 1 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus.

Featured artists include Alan Chambers on piano, Lila Hammer on clarinet, soprano McKenzie Hare, mezzo-soprano Kira Lace Hawkins, Pamela Haynes on piano, Mark Huntington on

bass clarinet, Robert Lynn on cello, Elizabeth Smith on violin and the Manchester University A Cappella Choir. Admission is free.

Lynn is the director of choral and vocal studies at Manchester. A composer who will be conducting this spring for the third time at Carnegie Hall, she is a collaborative musical storyteller.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



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Debra Lynn is the director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester. She also conducts the Manchester Symphony Orchestra.



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Biden signs bill making lynching a federal hate crime

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed a bill into law to make lynching a federal hate crime, more than 100 years after such legislation was first proposed.

The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act is named after the Black teenager whose killing in Mississippi in the summer of 1955 became a galvanizing moment in the civil rights era. His grieving mother insisted on an open casket to show everyone how her son had been brutalized.

Biden acknowledged the long delay during remarks in the Rose Garden to lawmakers, administration officials and civil rights advocates, stressing how the violent deaths of Black Americans were used to intimidate them and prevent them from voting simply because of their skin color.

“Thank you for never giving up, never ever giving up,” the president said. “Lynching was pure terror to enforce the lie that not everyone, not every-

one, belongs in America, not everyone is created equal.”

But the president stressed that forms of racial terror continue to exist in the U.S. — creating the need for the law.

“Racial hate isn’t an old problem — it’s a persistent problem,” Biden said. “Hate never goes away. It only hides.”

The new law makes it possible to prosecute a crime as a lynching when a conspiracy to commit a hate crime leads to death or serious bodily injury, according to the bill’s champion, Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill. The law lays out a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and fines.

The House approved the bill 422-3 on March 7, with eight members not voting, after it cleared the Senate by unanimous consent. Rush also had introduced a bill in January 2019 that the House passed 410-4 before that measure stalled in the Senate.

Congress first considered anti-lynching legislation more than 120 years ago. It had failed to pass such legisla-

tion nearly 200 times, beginning with a bill introduced in 1900 by North Carolina Rep. George Henry White, the only Black member of Congress at the time.

The NAACP began lobbying for anti-lynching legislation in the 1920s. A federal hate crime statute eventually was passed and signed into law in the 1990s, decades after the civil rights movement.

Till, 14, had traveled from his Chicago home to visit relatives in Mississippi in 1955 when it was alleged that he whistled at a white woman. Till was kidnapped, beaten and shot in the head. A large metal fan was tied to his neck with barbed wire before his body was thrown into a river. His mother, Mamie Till, insisted on an open casket at the funeral to show the brutality her child had suffered.

Two white men, Roy Bryant and his half-brother J.W. Milam, were accused, but acquitted by an all-white-male jury. Bryant and Milam later told a reporter that they kidnapped and killed Till.

LIBRARY

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outreach coordinator Rachel Castle.

“While the official National Library Week was created in the mid-1950s to celebrate libraries, their workers and services, WCPL has always believed that the most important part of our organization is the community we serve. We love using National Library Week to show our appreciation to our patrons,” said Castle.

WCPL

Castle said next week will be a “Fine Free Week” at the WCPL.

“Though WCPL abolished fines on print and audio-books in the fall of 2020, there are still fines charged to other items such as board games, DVDs and Blu-ray movies and Wi-Fi hotspots. Fines will be waived on any of those items returned late during this week. Those with existing overdue fines will be able to clear those fines, no matter the amount, by paying \$1 at the Circulation Desk,” said Castle.

Castle said the WCPL will also be holding raffles for prizes, to be drawn on Monday, April 11. Prize packages include book and movie bundles for all ages and a variety of interests, as well as library merchandise.

“Entry slips are available at the library and everyone is welcome and encouraged to stop in to enter,” said Castle.

Castle said because National Library Week takes place alongside spring break this year, the library will be offering take-home “busy bags” for elementary-aged students as well as hosting a simple craft in the Children’s Room which can be done at any time. These items will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Libraries are crucial pillars of a community as a place of welcome and gateway to active learning that is community-focused, connected, and respected. It is a gateway to information, ideas, and welcoming space for life-long exploration,” said WCPL executive director Ware Wimberly.

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NMPL

North Manchester adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were encouraging all community members to visit their library in person or online to explore and access services and programs during National Library Week.

“National Library Week is a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities,” said Hann.

Hann said the NMPL will be celebrating with some special social media features, highlighting the library staff, resources and outreach.



Provided photos

A Homeschool Art Class has been planned at 2 p.m. Monday, April 4 at the North Manchester Public Library.



Storytime has been planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5 at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL).



This year's National Library Week theme, as designated by the American Library Association, is “Connect with Your Library” and focuses on technology and human connections.

“Since National Library Week and Spring Break fall on the same week this year, we’re so excited to go all out with some amazing programs for our families,” said NMPL programming coordinator Molly Magnus.

Hann said during the week, NMPL Friends of the Library members will also receive a 15 percent discount on their “popular” hoodies and sweatshirts.

“In addition, NMPL has a fun-filled schedule of Spring Break events planned for patrons to enjoy,” said Hann.

Hann said the NMPL spring schedule includes:

- 3:45 p.m.: Teen Makers, and also Sensory Time.
- 6 p.m.: Paper Ball and Leaves Garland Class on the NMPL Facebook page.

Thursday, April 7

- 10 a.m.: Interactive Movie, “Finding Nemo.”
- 3:45 p.m.: Between.

Friday, April 8

- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Knitting and Crochet Group.
- Hann said in addition to all these events, NMPL will also have a giveaway for the kids in the Children’s Department and a Passive Craft to participate in all week long.
- “Libraries of all types continue to go above and beyond to keep their communities connected by expanding resources and embracing inclusion in their programming, resources and collections,” said NMPL director Diane Randall. “NMPL is supporting the community with services like their Homeschool Resource Center, sensory items for check out, programming for all ages, free internet access and more. We’re excited to celebrate that this week.”
- For more information, visit www.nman.lib.in.us.
- Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainealer.com.*

Monday, April 4

- 2 p.m.: Homeschool Art Class with Maria Merian and The Art of Science.
- 6 p.m.: Evening Tales with Chipboard Barnyard Animals.






Tuesday, April 5

- 11 a.m.: Storytime.
- 2 to 3:30 p.m.: “Maria’s Kit of Comfort” Book Launch Party.
- 3:45 p.m.: Paint by Sticker Class.
- 6 p.m.: Landscaping 101 with Gazebo Renovation at the NMPL.

Wednesday, April 6





- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Quilting and Crafting Club.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Few Showers 76 / 44	 Thursday Showers Likely 50 / 33	 Friday Partly Cloudy 49 / 34	 Saturday Rain & Snow Possible 53 / 38	 Sunday Chance Showers 54 / 37
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:28 a.m.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 76°, humidity of 52%. South southeast wind 14 to 26 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of showers, overnight low of 44°. South wind 17 to 25 mph.

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year.

And during the Monday, March 28 Wabash City Council meeting Kneubuhler was officially sworn in once again, this time to a new rank.

“During the last year, Officer Kneubuhler has completed hundreds of hours of training and has successfully graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy class 21-225,” said Benson.

During this week’s regular meeting, Long swore in Officer Kneubuhler as a first class patrolman.

“This is just the beginning of Officer Kneubuhler’s training, as it will continue for his entire career,” said Benson.

Benson said Kneubuhler is currently assigned to

second shift patrol.

“We are happy to have you a part of our team and stay safe Officer Kneubuhler,” said Benson.

With Kneubuhler’s promotion, the WPD is now on the hunt for yet another probationary police officer.

On Sunday, Benson said they were accepting applications for the position through 4 p.m. Friday, April 22.

Benson said applications, a job description and agility test requirements may be picked up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the WPD headquarters, 1340 Manchester Ave.

Benson said the benefits package includes a probationary salary of \$49,799 per year; career progression incentive pay, with longevity and promotional opportunities through the rank

structure; a take-home car after two years of residing within the Wabash city limits; comprehensive medical, dental and vision insurance; life insurance; and paid vacation and sick leave.

Benson said under Indiana Code, a person may be appointed as a member of the WPD after they have reached the age of 40.

Benson said under the Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 nepotism section, a person who is related to any officer of the department may not be appointed as a WPD member.

Benson said applicants must meet the residency requirements of Indiana Code 36-8-4-2.

“The city of Wabash is an equal opportunity employer,” said Benson.

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each appointed by the Republican and Democratic Party chairs and the Clerk of the Court is the third person,” said Draper.

Representing the Wabash County Democratic Party is Nancy Whitmere and representing the Wabash County Republican Party is Nan Rowe.

Draper said the Wabash County Election Board also held an open meeting to discuss any election-related matters.

Draper said the direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting machines, the MicroVote Infinity and the card reader for the absentee vote by mail ballots were all successfully tested.

Draper said during the meeting portion, the polling locations were approved and will be sent to the Wabash County Board of Commissioners.

“We will publish this list once the commissioners sign off,” said Draper.

According to the Indiana Secretary of State’s office, the deadline to register to

vote for the upcoming primary election is Monday, April 4. Before the close of business that day at the clerk’s office, or at midnight online, a voter may apply or register to transfer registration. Tuesday, April 5 will then be the first day a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

For more information, visit <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>.

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AWARDS

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personal and educational goals,” said Miller.

“Self-reliance may involve overcoming difficult life circumstances or it may result in using initiative to establish projects that benefit their community or the global community.”

Miller said this year, Midwest Eye Consultants and the Wabash Kiwanis Club will provide each of the four recipients with a cash award of \$1,000.

“The Wabash Kiwanis Club coordinates and conducts the selection process by reviewing the applications, interviewing the finalists, and organizing the awards presentation,” said Miller. “The award program is designed to honor those seniors who have done the best with what he or she has while accomplishing worthy goals.”

Miller said except for children of Kiwanis members and children of Mid-

west Eye Consultants’ employees, all high school seniors in Wabash County are eligible to compete.

Last year, four local high school seniors were also honored “for showing their ability to overcome obstacles.”

Wabash Kiwanis Club board member Eric Seaman said the Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance awards were given out May 18, 2021, during their regular luncheon at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center.

Seaman said in addition to the students, their families and friends, local school administrators and staff were also invited to support the winners.


Miller said the Wabash Kiwanis Club has administered the annual program for over 30 years to honor “a small group of seniors who have exemplified self-reliance and excellence despite hardships in their lives.”

Miller said last year, the four winners were honored

with \$1,500 each, which they were able to use “as they see fit to further their respective young careers. Last year’s winners included Northfield Jr./Sr. High School seniors Emma Brainard, Brenton Jackson and McKenzie Roth; as well as Manchester Jr./Sr. High School senior Sheila Winger.

Miller said the Wabash Kiwanis Club received 11 applicants for the awards in 2021, with seven semi-finalists selected after applications, essays and references were read by a committee of Kiwanis members. Those semi-finalists were then interviewed by a three-person committee from the Wabash Kiwanis Club and four finalists were selected. Miller said last year represented the fourth year Midwest Eye Consultants had presented the awards.

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Obituaries

Lorraine Slifer

Aug. 24, 1937 – March 23, 2022

Barbara Lorraine Slifer died at her home in North Manchester, Indiana on March 23, 2022 at age 84. She was born Aug. 24, 1937 in Milledgeville, Carroll County, Illinois, to Howard and Beulah (Shilling) Slifer. She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law Lawrence H. Slifer, Sr., and Marilyn (Kitzmiller) Slifer; her parents; nephew Larry Slifer; and great-nephew Robert A. Linton, Jr.



Lorraine’s early childhood years were spent with her parents and brother on a farm near Lanark Illinois. When she was in fourth grade her family moved to nearby Polo and she graduated from Polo Community High School in 1955 with 54 other classmates.

Lorraine moved to North Manchester in 1957 to attend Manchester College and remained in the community she loved the rest of her life. After obtaining a two-year degree in Secretarial Studies from Manchester, she started working at the college as secretary to the Dean of Students. Lorraine remained at the college her entire working career, retiring after 47 years, where her final position was Administrative Assistant to the Office of Student Development. She collected a lifetime of student practical jokes and, at her surprise retirement party in 2002 was awarded, among other gifts, the desk she had used for 47 years.

Lorraine kept in touch with many of the students whom she came to know while working at Manchester and was always thrilled to learn of their successes. She could recount their names, the year they graduated and something special about each person. Lorraine had many humorous stories to share about her time at Manchester College as well as more serious stories from living through the on-campus and societal changes of the latter half of the 20th century.

Lorraine was an active member of Zion Lutheran in North Manchester, editing the church newsletter, keeping some of the church records, leading a women’s bible study group, and helping with the church library.

She was an avid reader, sharing books with friends and donating many to the public library’s book sale. Lunches with friends were regular entries on Lorraine’s calendar. She was a cat lover, taking in a stray cat who sought her out, and naming her Kitty – a great companion during the last years of her life.

Family was important to Lorraine. She often drove to Illinois to spend time with her brother and his wife and with her nieces and their families, and was looking forward to moving to Sterling Illinois to live with niece Laurie (Slifer) Free and husband Bill. Lorraine had many friends in the North Manchester community and maintained ties with several high school and college classmates.

Lorraine is survived by niece Sandra Slifer, Rockford, IL.; three nieces and their husbands, Laurie and William Free, Sterling, IL.; Barbara and Robert Linton, Sterling, IL.; Valarie and Daniel Stallings, Rockford, IL.; 12 great-nieces and nephews; 20 great-great nieces and nephews; and 6 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Calling is on Tuesday March 29 from 1:00-3:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 113 W. Main St., North Manchester with a service to follow. Graveside services will be held in Sterling, Illinois at a later date. Preferred memorials are to Manchester University, 604 E. College Ave, North Manchester IN 46962. A scholarship will be established at the university in Lorraine’s name. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester, Indiana.

Chelsie Byrns; brother, Todd Dazey; sister, Trixy Dazey; and eight grandchildren. A celebration of Tina’s life will be held Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Congregational Christian Church, 310 North Walnut Street, North Manchester with visitation beginning at 3:00 p.m. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Tina Marie Hapner

Feb. 16, 1965 – March 26, 2022

Tina Marie Hapner, 57, North Manchester, died March 26, 2022. The daughter of Glenn and Beverly J. (Coon) Dazey, Tina was born on Feb. 16, 1965, in Toledo, Ohio.

Tina Marie Hapner is survived by her father, Glenn Dazey; sons, Keith Marcum and James Byrns; daughters, Jennifer (Christopher Thompson) Hapner and

Robert L. Prosser Jr.

Robert L. Prosser Jr., 83, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on March 25, 2022.

Per Robert’s request there will be no services. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Peggy Ann Coffman

May 17, 1952 – March 26, 2022

Peggy Ann Coffman, 69, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:31 am, Saturday, March 26, 2022, at her home. She was born on May 17, 1952, to Paul and Barbara Sue (Heiney) Bevelhimer.

A beloved wife and mother of eight, Peggy was a 1970 graduate of North Miami High School and received her BS from BYU. She married Samuel “Sam” Coffman in Provo, Utah on September 3, 1974. She owned and operated Red Barn Elephant Ears for 51 years. Peggy was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Huntington, Indiana, and taught youth religious classes for several years. She enjoyed genealogy, traveling, fishing, hiking, and attending her children and grandchildren’s activities. She also enjoyed quilting and made quilts for all of her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel “Sam” Coffman of rural Wabash; eight children, Cinnamon (Chad) Leavitt of Moapa, Nevada, Sarah (Mike) Anderson of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Jared (Marie) Coffman of Wabash, Kara (Mike) Ravenscroft of Macy, Indiana, Andrew (Sarah) Coffman of Greentown, Indiana, Jesse (Katrina) Coffman of Centerville, Ohio, Garrett (Mallory) Coffman of Waterville, New York, and Ben (Kendra) Coffman of Rexburg, Idaho; 28 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren,



sisters and brothers, Susan (Susan Tinker) Bevelhimer of Muncie, Indiana, Mark Bevelhimer of Oakridge, Tennessee, Paula (Mark) Brown of Logansport, Indiana, and Joe (Tracy) Bevelhimer of Indianapolis, Indiana, step-mother, Eve (Faust) Bevelhimer of Warsaw and step sister Jan Taylor of North Webster. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Thursday, March 31, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Bishop Nathan Haupt officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call 4-7 pm Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Parkinson’s Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Peggy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Brenton E. ‘Brent’ Archer

April 9, 1956 – March 21, 2022

Brenton E. “Brent” Archer, 65, North Manchester, passed away on March 21, 2022. Born in Columbia City, Indiana, on April 9, 1956, Brent was the son of Eugene B. and Hazel Jane Archer.

The loving memory of Brenton E. Archer will be forever cherished by his friends, caretakers, and faculty and staff at Manchester

College/University.

A memorial gathering led by his friends and colleagues will take place April 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lahman Room in the Jo Young Switzer Center, Manchester University, 604 East College Avenue, North Manchester, Indiana.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Marianne Miller Poston Briscoe

Dec. 14, 1954 – March 28, 2022

Marianne Miller Poston Briscoe, 67, Roann, died, March 28, 2022. She was born to E. Woodrow (“Woody”) and Elizabeth (Stouffer) Miller on Dec. 14, 1954 in Wabash.

Marianne is survived by her sons, Ian (Candy) Poston, Seth (Emily) Poston; grandchildren, Rory, Holden, Evelyn, and Abram Poston; sisters, Beth (Dave)

Purcell and Susan Fagin; sister-in-law, Marilyn Miller.

Visitation Friday, April 1, 2022 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. A graveside service will take place on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Georgia R. VanMeter

Georgia R. VanMeter, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on March 25, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on March 29, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Visitation for family and friends will be 2 hours prior to the funeral service from noon-2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Roger Dale Conliff

Funeral services for Roger Dale Conliff, 48, of Wabash, are 10:00 am, Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation 5-7 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

IN BRIEF

Woman's Clubhouse plans April luncheon

“Travel back in time” at the luncheon and program at noon Tuesday, April 12, at the Woman’s Clubhouse, 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer.

Doug Lehman will present a program on the Chautauqua movement throughout the U.S. and its history in Wabash during the late 19th and 20th centuries.

“Please note this is a change of what was scheduled. We are so honored to have Doug present this program,” said Stouffer.

Reservations may be made no later than Friday, April 8

by calling Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088 or Mary DeLauter at 260-563-6613.

Wabash County Board of Health to hold quarterly meeting

The Wabash County Board of Health will hold its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at the Wabash County Courthouse’s EMA Room, 1 W. Hill St., according to Wabash County Health Department office manager and deputy registrar Kathy Lower. For more information, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1248.

SOUTHWOOD THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLLS

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) recently announced its honor roll lists for the third quarter of the 2021-2022 school year, according to a press release.

‘All A’ Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Ross Andrews, Josiah Chellis, Adilyn Deaton, Brooke Farr, Avery Henderson, Presley Kroft, Gracie Mosley, Olivia Ranck, Shania Rhamy, Bailee Strickler and Kierstyn Wyatt.

Eighth grade: Hailey Collins, Cooper Drake, Owen Enyeart, Brody Height, Coan Holloway, Malia Mahan, Ivan Ranck and Lilah Vandermark.

Ninth grade: Quinn Clausen, Grace Drake, Zoey Gaylourd, Rowan Goodpasture, Luke Herring, Gabriel Mealy, Keaton Metzger, Lucy Vandermark, Ian Vanderpool and Ryley Wilcox.

10th grade: Emma Adams, Ashley Benavidez-Arellano, Randall Boone, Carrie Collins, Abigail Guyer, Jordan Hart, Ethan Lochard, Asyraf Luqman, Libee Price, Micah Smith, Shyanne Stout, Noah Veals and Carley Whitesel.

11th grade: Elise Adams, Bryn Mealy, Sara Perez Sanchez, Katelyn Ranck and Dylan Stout.

12th grade: Maddison Hunter, Beau Kendall, Haley Lanning and Kloe Teulker.

‘A/B’ Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Cameron Drown, Makenna Hunter, Elexis Kelley, Justyne Kirkpatrick, Griffin Liddick, Makaylee Moore, Hali Pershing, Hunter Rasmussen, Jalayna Robberts, Aiden Selig, Bella Stoltz, Rea-

gan Striker, Nika Tyson, James Unger, Lola Winer and Andrew Wright.

Eighth grade: Isabelle Ashba, Sylvia Bakehorn, Colleen Boardman, Griffin Chambers, Ainsley Chellis, Mylah Dillon, Danika Holbrook, Fritz Kirk, Rachel Lawson, Emily Lochard, Alexis Lopez, Annika Lovell, Jalynn Lyons, Maddox Marshall, Victor Mondragon, Logan Moore, Payton Nelson, Autumn Rasmussen, Wyatt Smith, Olivia Snow, Brandtson Sturgill, Natalie Sutphin, Sophia Temple and Bryce Wilcox.

Ninth grade: Luke Andrews, Audrey Ball, Elijah Boone, Jaiya Corn, Cherish Dillon, Courtney Finney, Ava Freeman, Hannah Garrison, Averi Haecker, Jordn Hartline, Daedric Kaehr, Morgan Powell, Cayden Richardson, Carson Smith, Makenna Snow, Duke Sparks and Rylee Thomas.

10th grade: Macy Barney, Casey Boardman, Liliauna Combs, Derek Deeter, Grace Denney, Jaret Denney, Owen Dunnnavat, Allie Haecker, Logan Hiner, Luke Pershing, Bryce Rigney, Will Winer and Caleb Wyatt.

11th grade: Tobias Cummins, Ella Hauptert, Zebadiah Herring, Allianah Lopez, Aliisa Pinta, Charles Poling, Kyle Smith, Aleia Sweet, Jack Trudell, Dakota Wilson, Alaina Winer and Makenna Younce.

12th grade: Skylar Amos, Rylee Barney, Joseph Bland, Jarrett Craft, Mya Denney, Grant Holloway, Makenlie Lambert, Stephen Madaris, Jacob Marlow, Kaden Meredith, Jared Richards, Adam Seacott, Brayden Smith and Alison Swain.

Remains of Indiana sailor killed in Pearl Harbor attack ID’d

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The remains of a sailor from Indianapolis who died in the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor have been identified by U.S. military scientists.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Tuesday that Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class George Gilbert’s remains were identified through dental, anthropological and mitochondrial DNA analysis, WXIN-TV reported.

The federal agency said Gilbert, 20, was assigned to

the battleship USS Oklahoma when it was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941, while moored at Pearl Harbor’s Ford Island.

The ship capsized and 429 crewmen were killed, including Gilbert, DPAA said.

Gilbert will be reinterred on June 6 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl. A rosette will be placed next to his name on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl to indicate he has been accounted for.

WMS THIRD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLLS

Wabash Middle School (WMS) has announced its honor rolls for the third nine weeks, according to a press release.

Fifth grade high honor roll

Ayla Barber, Kasey Black, Mason Braun, Callan Cantrell, Emma Cantrell, Eliza Denney, Keaton Fairchild, Tristan Gardner, Mya Gollither, Harper Hanes, Robert Harris II, Evelyn Hipskind, Lucas Kaufman, Lillian Kelley, Brynn Lindsay, Kendylan Lochner, Victoria Lopez, Olivia Mathis, Maddox Mindach, Baelee Noland, Jake Sailors, Kinley Strickler, McKinley Vandlandingham and Reed Wiles.

Fifth grade regular honor roll

Brooklyn Arrowood, Josie Bakehorn, Emmie Baker, Tayelin Bechtold, Christopher Belli-Malaga, Hailey Berry, Jenna Burton, Ezekiel Byers, Devin Cornett, Treyce Daughtry, Lillian Essling-

er, Hope Fritter, Layla Garner, Aubrey Hanes, Paul Harper, Kyn-dal Harris-Lemaster, Leven Indrutz, Landan Johnson, Alexis Keirsey, Maddilynn Livingston, Liam Loshier, Sarah Marcum, Emily McCoart, Kaydence McCord, Chase Miller, Ava Moor-man, Avionna Osborne, Evelyn Ploughe, Karter Prater, Alyssa Rose, Ian Rowe, Charlotte Sell-eck, Amber Shaffer, Beckett Shaw, Andrew Shepherd, Micah Spring, Sienna Stoffel, Daisy Till, Bayern Waldrep, Tyler Wardwell and Noah White.

Sixth grade high honor roll

Kaitlyn Brewer, Scarlet Brookshire, Quinnlyn Campbell, Kaylence Cole, Riley Flack, Noah Glenn, Carly Hayslett, Alexis Indrutz, Mackenzie Krieger, Gabriel LePage, Michael LePage, Ellie Proffitt, Cooper Sapusek, Emma Selleck, Lila Selleck, Taylin Shepherd, Alyssa Sheridan, Martha Steller, Lily Stevens,

Grace Teague and Beatrix Thomas.

Sixth grade regular honor roll

Carson Amburgey, Mason Bartley, Gracie Bearman, Tip Bolen, McKenzie Border, Gunner Cressell, Ian Edmond, Hendrix Griffith, Evelyn Grimm, Isabella Hackworth, Adrian Haughn, Carlee Honeycutt, McKenna Honeycutt, Anneleissa Lujan, Ava Lynn, Madalyn Mertz, Jabin Miles, Harrison Mills, Kamden Oswalt, Maddison Poe, Gabriella Rojas, Noah Saril, Pasyn Schuler, Krysten Simmons, Mackey Sorg, Layla Stevens, Caleb Thompson, Zoe Vail and Olivia Wilkin.

Seventh grade high honor roll

Makenna Bechtold, Lucas Coffman, Chloe Cooper, Braelyn Eis, Mia Fairchild, John Harris, Rinka Higuera, Haiden McWhirt, Clayton Shepler, Megan Snavelly and Harley Zumbrun.

Seventh grade regular honor roll

Brenda Alspach, Andi Conliff, Haylee Figert, Aiden Fishback, Kinzie Flack, Sophia France, Violet George, Grace Harrington, Paige Miller, Colin Patton, Vivien Ploughe, Mallory Tart and Averie Turner.

Eighth grade high honor roll

Ava Bishir, Cassidy Burton, Kalli Davis, Kendall France, Haylee Friend, Drew Guenin-Hodson, Jaycee Jones, Victoria Koselke, Cooper Long, Alison McCoart, Danielle Sarli, Brett Shull, Andrea Stout and Logan Wright.

Eighth grade regular honor roll

Karlee Bearman, Matthew Hipskind, Maya Howard, Raegan Jones, Coleson Kugler, Laney Maple, Elias Mattern, Evelyn Myers, Derek Reed and Emilie Westendorf.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Extending Hoosier hospitality beyond borders

As the world watches Vladimir Putin relentlessly attack Ukraine, killing children and civilians, bombing a maternity ward, firing on a nuclear energy plant, and bombarding Mariupol among other cities, Hoosiers are sending prayers. Those include mine. But our Hoosier humanitarian efforts will extend far beyond the ongoing prayers and community vigils.



Gov. Eric Holcomb

I'm traveling this week to Slovakia and part of my mission is to visit a refugee camp with Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Dale Lyles to learn firsthand what Hoosiers can do to help. In the meantime, I met with Ukrainian Ambassador Oksana Markarova, and she requested:

- Federal assistance to secure more military equipment.
- Humanitarian aid and supplies, such as gas and oil and first aid kits.
- A statement of support of Ukraine and condemnation of Russia.
- Ceasing of Indiana investments in Russian stocks or bonds.
- Indiana businesses to halt operations with Russian entities.

I shared with her that Indiana is unequivocally standing with, by, and for a free Ukraine and would address each of her requests. We have already taken these steps:

- Proceeded with divesting of more than \$147 million in state government investments that have Russian interest.
- Verified no public universities offer Russian-funded programs.
- Supported the Indiana Gaming Commission in its suspension of leagues with Russian and Belarusian ties from the approved events for sports wagering.
- Offered to temporarily or permanently house screened and processed Ukrainian refugees should the U.S government need a safe haven for them.
- Offered to house and train the Ukrainian Summer Olympic Team.
- Asked all Hoosiers doing business in Russia to consider the moral ramifications during such a volatile time.



TOP LEFT: Gov. Eric J. Holcomb's grandfather visits Moscow nearly 50 years ago on business. TOP RIGHT: Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, left, is traveling this week to Slovakia and will visit a refugee camp. ABOVE: Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, center, meets with Ukrainian Ambassador Oksana Markarova, right.

definitely suspended the company's commercial operations in Russia. Our efforts alone won't be enough, but we will contribute. Indeed, the world must be clear in words and even more so in actions. America must be a full partner in the E.U. mission to impose economic and individual sanctions against Putin's killing machine. In my opinion, Russia's "most favored nation" status was forfeited when it invaded Ukraine and threatened nuclear and chemical war. Only four nations occupy official state-sponsored terrorism status – North Korea, Syria, Iran and Cuba. After weeks of targeting civilians, Russia should make it five.

In Putin's last days, he must know the free world will continue to answer Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's call for more humanitarian and political support. The free world must do whatever it takes for however long it takes.

And Putin must know that for many of the same reasons the Soviet empire collapsed before, it will again, and this time on his greedy watch. He must know, this time, the world will not nod "yes" to his engulf and devour mentality but applaud those courageous souls in Moscow who have taken to the streets in protest.

The good people of Russia must know that we don't seek war but demand peace. The world must know that this is a time of choosing. Stand for the free democratic nation of Ukraine or stand against those of us who do.

If they don't, Eastern European maps will be redrawn once again. Gone will be the days that allowed the trip like the one my grandfather took nearly 50 years ago when he visited Moscow on business and believed the Russian government loved their children, too.

Eric J. Holcomb is the 51st governor of the state of Indiana.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Isn't it about time?

(Editor's note: Kimball Shinkoskey's family is from Ukraine.)

Isn't it about time Americans understand how Putin invaded Ukraine so easily?

Russians follow his orders because Putin has his hands on the means of communication (news and education agencies) and also on the means of force (the regular police, and the secret police).

When Putin says "Ukrainians started this," his political minions put it out as truth and the people believe it. We have many adult children in America today who follow their leaders to the edge of dangerous cliffs every day.

Putin also talked his country into allowing him to stay in power for 22 years. In a real democracy, there are always short-term limits that are enforced like the nation's life depends on it. Not in Russia or China.

Our representatives and senators are not telling this story because they are well along the path of accumulating corrupt lifetime power themselves. America is already partially Putinized.

True democracies put the government into the hands of a constitutional law decided upon by all of the people. The people only know what to put into that law when they have thoroughly versed themselves in their history and the history of other nations.

We have already disarmed our minds, so our liberties are quickly melting away.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

We are in a difficult and costly conflict

Authoritarian governments are frequently thought to be more decisive than democracies. They can appear stronger and more likely to win the future than do liberal democracies, where debate is marked by public disagreement. Democracies are slow, with actions guided by compromise and the consent of the governed. Working towards compromise and consensus takes deep strength and conviction that too few people possess. This is one reason why admiration for authoritarian leaders is largely confined to the most insecure of us. This truth is exploited by authoritarian leaders who offer their followers the pretense of physical bravado and toughness, accompanied by flashy uniforms, caps and slogans.



Michael Hicks

If the past couple weeks has demonstrated anything, it is the folly of this belief. The future belongs to liberal democracies, where respect for individual rights, political freedom and the rule of law are nurtured and grow. A second lesson of the past two weeks is that this future demands a fight. We are again engaged in this fight, and it is wise to consider the cost.

In the coming weeks, the Russian armed forces will demonstrate their solitary battlefield talent. They will shell Ukrainian civilians, and execute prisoners and civic leaders as they advance into Ukraine. Russian officers will be shot for failing to achieve their tactical objectives. This offers obvious short-term encouragement to the others, but their situation

is precarious. Roughly 70 percent of their ground combat power is now losing a tactical fight in Ukraine.

The battlefield pictures are haunting. They so remind me of my war, that I can again smell the cordite and burning flesh outside of Basra. If you think that description is difficult, I assure you the pictures are certain to get far worse. They may become unthinkable worse in ways that will test the world.

Putin's Russia is in deadly trouble. Their currency is now less valuable than cheap toilet paper of the same weight, and the nation is almost entirely cut-off from foreign trade and investment. Part of this is due to sanctions by Western democracies, but the biggest blow has been from the private sector. Russians are unlikely to be able to import or export commodities or products. They cannot even refuel their merchant ships at sea or repair their commercial air fleet.

They are an economy of roughly \$1.7 trillion, with a \$0.6 trillion foreign currency reserve that they now cannot spend. They have had a run on the banks, and face the collapse of every market and network system in the nation. They can no longer import food, medicine, telecommunications equipment and transportation parts. By mid spring, Russia will be a barter economy.

Russia has already suffered a stunning strategic loss. Nothing they can now achieve on the battlefield will change that. They entered Ukraine hoping to add to their arsenal, but this campaign might easily result in the erosion of one-third of their military power. Summer will be tough, but the coming winter will see a humanitarian crisis in Russia, Ukraine

and Belarus, a loose puppet state of Putin's. There will be millions of refugees walking across Europe, and political unrest not seen since 1917 will cover Russia.

We Americans are unworthily fortunate. This economic shock will affect us, but only minimally. Oil price spikes typically precede a recession. War affects oil prices, as anyone now headed to the pump can see. Still, after adjusting for inflation, gas prices are below the level we saw for a full 85 months in the 21st century, and lower than they were for the entire period from 2010 to 2014.

Trade with Russia is roughly 0.2 percent of the world economy. So, even huge shocks to Russia are a rounding error in the global economy. It is unwelcome to be sure, but our economy is our strength and Putin's weakness. It isn't now clear he has any strengths.

Happy circumstances are possible. Putin could die like other authoritarians before him, or retire to Pyongyang. If he stays, European and NATO nations will move to a warlike level of preparation. That is where the real discomfort will be felt. Germany has already doubled her defense spending, as will other NATO countries. Our spending will not have to increase as heavily, but I suspect we will have to move an army corps back to Europe. By 2023, we will likely be back to Cold War levels of force structure in Europe. This will be costly in both money and youth.

We have forgotten too quickly some of the consequences of a Cold War. From 1945 to 1991, the U.S. lost a service member every 8 hours or so to training and operational accidents. It is an expensive, difficult and

dangerous work we embark upon. It is also necessary. A major part of the success of democracies in the Cold War was an understanding of the costs of failure. It was a maturity of spirit born in the trenches of WWI and the battlefields of WWII. We again need that courage and resolve.

We inhabit a 246 year-old democracy with strength enough to handle a global crisis of this sort while still filling potholes. Unlike the Russian government, we can walk and chew gum at the same time. But, these times demand more of us all. If you find it necessary to complain about high gas prices, at least be honest about the cause. High gas prices are caused by Vladimir Putin and those who emboldened him to conduct this murderous invasion.

Better yet, when you fill up at the pump, quietly remember how many citizens of democratic Ukraine would trade anything to have our problems. And instead of complaining, give thanks for the heroic sacrifice that weakens the Russian army, while giving pause to a generation of tyrants across the world.

Every American should be thankful of how trivial is our sacrifice in this conflict. We should also be proud of how well our government and her allies have handled this crisis. The world's resolve was not organic. Our intelligence agencies and diplomats have performed brilliantly. Do not let partisanship blind you to this truth. The free world's thoughtful and informed resolve is the best defense against a broader conflict, and our ultimate weapon against the expansion of an authoritarian tyranny that is now attacking Ukraine.

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Stepmom learns of teen’s shocking online activity

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for a little over three years. I have two teen girls, and he has one. They get along for the most part, but lately my 18-year-old, “Lindsay,” and his 17-year-old, “Taylor,” have been clashing.

Dear Abby



They were brought up very differently, and sometimes it causes waves because I expect more from my girls than he does his daughter. To be fair, my stepdaughter’s mother has had some serious issues and has never been a role model.

During one of these clashes, Lindsay told me Taylor has been doing some very explicit and dangerous things online. This was confirmed by her boyfriend. Lindsay, of course, told me hoping to get Taylor in trouble or to lessen her in my eyes, since they were arguing. I “get” the inner workings of the teenage girl’s mind. It’s not always a kind place.

What do I do with this information? Should I tell her father? What purpose would it serve? If I don’t tell him, am I keeping a secret that I shouldn’t? – Knows Too Much In New York

DEAR KNOWS: If you and your husband have investigated this and found it to be true, talk to Taylor. Point out that images she has posted online do not age out and disappear. They can linger forever, which could have serious consequences when she is older and looking at college, getting into the workforce, etc.

While she can’t change what she has already done, she can wise up and quit what she has been doing NOW.

DEAR ABBY: A close friend has just announced – out of the blue – that she’s running for a prominent public office. It’s going to be a contentious race, and it’s likely to get ugly for whomever runs. She sent out messages this week assuming her friends will be supporting her through our social networks, door knocking, hosting fundraising events and whatever else she needs. She said she’s looking forward to working with us.

Abby, the way her announcements are worded, I can tell she’s going to be blindsided when I decline her “request.” She assumes that because we are friends, I would want her in office. However, in my opinion, she’s not the best person for the job, and I have other civic engagements I’m already committed to this year.

I also feel that maybe she should have actually asked. Is there any way I can maintain the friendship without supporting the candidate? I don’t see what the graceful way out is, and her conversation is already oriented toward “us” vs. “them.” – Hiding Until The Primaries

DEAR HIDING: Explain to your friend that you are already committed to other “civic engagements” this year and, because of time constraints, you can’t back out of them. Then wish her luck and send her a small financial contribution for her campaign “in the name of friendship.”

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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- 4 Cookie nugget
- 8 Hemispherical roof
- 12 Ring king
- 13 Traffic stopper
- 14 Recedes
- 15 Documentarian
- 16 Burns
- 17 Tossing-and-turning one
- 18 Chemical compound
- 20 Yes, in Kyoto
- 21 Beluga delicacy
- 23 Rani’s servant
- 26 Peaceful
- 29 — West of “Batman”
- 32 Society newbie
- 34 Field
- 35 Louis XIV, e.g.
- 36 Truth’s opposite
- 37 Oz. or lb.
- 38 Digital watch readout
- 39 Pirate captain
- 40 Fruitcake go-with
- 41 Youngster
- 42 Nile wader
- 43 Crowd noise
- 45 Sandra or Ruby
- 47 Dartboard locale
- 49 Piano key
- 53 Fast-stepping dance
- 58 Moo goo — pan
- 59 “American —”
- 60 Word of honor
- 61 Backtalk
- 62 Strong, as venison
- 63 Query starter
- 64 Compass pt.

DOWN

- 1 Bar of soap
- 2 Malt beverages
- 3 Tea herb
- 4 View from Giza
- 5 Horde member
- 6 “— a date!”
- 7 Pal of Piglet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 CEO’s degree
- 11 PC button
- 17 Lady’s honorific
- 19 “Cope Book” aunt
- 22 Premature
- 24 Improvise (hyph.)
- 25 Swiss miss
- 26 “Misery” co-star
- 27 Armadillo’s protection
- 28 Turn loose (2 wds.)
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- 31 Pitched in
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- 44 Suitably
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- 48 Place for a wreath
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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THE OLYMPIC HIGH JUMPERS' FAVORITE BEVERAGE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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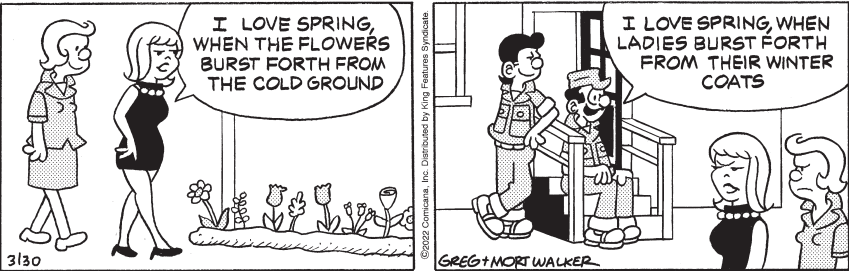
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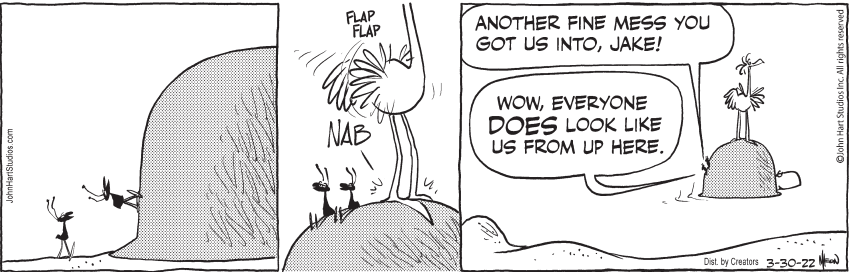
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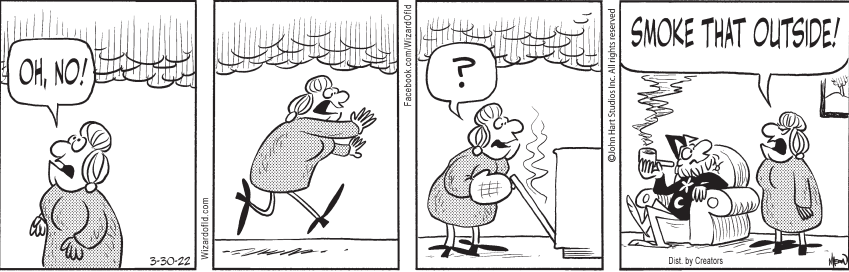
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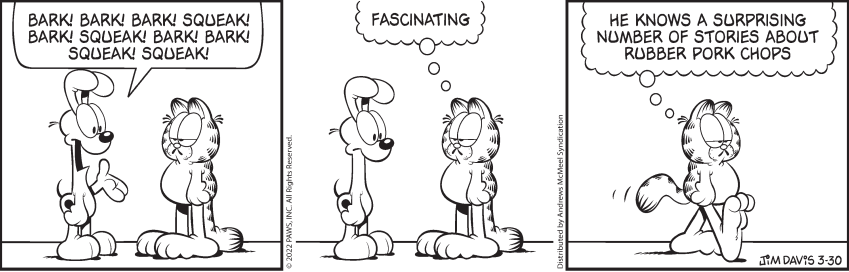
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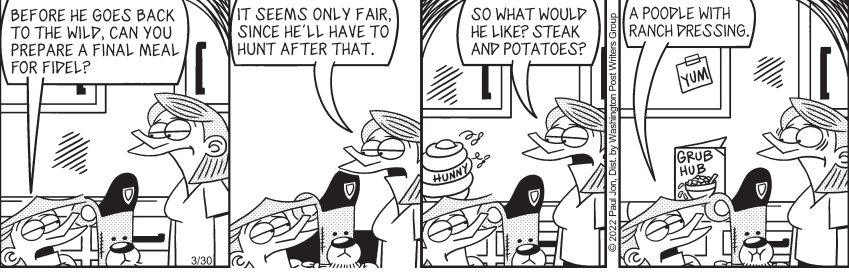
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Only God knows the future

Q: What is wrong with reading a horoscope or consulting a fortuneteller? Sometimes it is right and can help a person avoid a bad situation. — F.T.

A: It is wise to be cautious about those who claim to have supernatural abilities to predict the future precisely. At best, such schemes are mere guesswork; at worse, they may be involved in dangerous occult practices. The Bible clearly warns against such things (Deuteronomy 18:9-13). The question, “Who knows what a day may hold?” can be answered by God alone. Only He knows the future.

But we can certainly learn a great deal about the future from the Bible. Over and over through the ages of

time, God sent His prophets to the people to warn them of things to come. Rather than be fascinated by man’s predictions that fall short, be fascinated about what God has done — and is doing — in the world. Explore the great truths of Scripture, for when we delve into the book of wisdom and ask the Lord to open its truth, He will.

The greatest discovery we can ever make in life is not someone’s prediction, but the reality that God loves

us and desires that every soul come to salvation in Jesus Christ. For those who repent of sin and trust Him as Savior, they learn to trust the future to Christ — it is in His hand. We may not know what is in store for us on Earth, but we can find peace in knowing that eternity for those who believe Christ will be glorious. If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31). Live on Earth with eternity in view and the hope of eternity will guide your steps on Earth.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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S X I Z U N D V S K . ” — G T U S G G N D

Previous Solution: “If I could find young artists, young performers I can nurture to have a career, I would really like that.” — Diana Ross

TODAY’S CLUE: A sphen o

Combating the crisis: Opioid addiction in the U.S.

Substance abuse disorder has challenged north central Indiana much like the rest of our country for more than a decade. The prevalence of fentanyl – a synthetic pain reliever that is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine – in our communities has contributed to historic levels of fatal overdoses in parts of our region. The addictive properties of opioid-based prescriptions cause physical and psychological dependence. Although these powerful pain relieving drugs are a key part of a patient’s recovery, with proper medical supervision, withdrawal can cause addiction in anyone. Substance abuse disorder does not discriminate. People of all walks of life can fall victim to the addictive properties of these medications, and the fall out and consequences associated with overdose can affect a community in many ways.

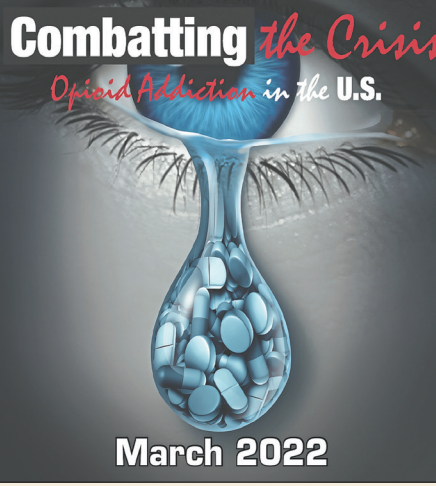
The opioid crisis affects everyone. Every community is unique. That is why Paxton Media’s Central Indiana News Group (CING) has published this series each Wednesday for the last five weeks.

Each community you’ve read about is trying their best to tackle addiction and prevent people from overdosing. For the past 10 years, state legislators, federal officials and local leaders have worked tirelessly to enact change in their communities. There have been crackdowns on pharmaceutical companies that misled the public and medical professionals about the side effects of their opioid-based drugs and incentivized doctors to prescribe their drugs. Law enforcement helped prosecute pill-mills and offices who over prescribed these drugs within our region. Churches have stepped up to the plate to provide services for families torn apart by addiction and substance abuse disorder. Communities have recruited and opened recovery homes and addiction services in their towns to help people dealing with addiction. Courts have implemented alternative sentencing practices – giving people suffering from substance abuse disorder a second chance to get help and avoid jail time. First responders have begun carrying naloxone, an opioid overdose reversing medication, to save people’s lives. Communities have even made these overdose antidotes available to their citizens for free to help them save loved ones and strangers.

Beating this crisis will take a team effort. Each community within our coverage region – from the Huntington Herald-Press to the Wabash Plain Dealer, Peru Tribune, Frankfort Times and Chronicle-Tribune – has hopefully learned something valuable with collaboration.

We hope this series helped to bring awareness to the issues going on in our backyards. We hope this section inspired readers to help out and to think about substance abuse disorder in a different way.

We can’t stay complacent as people continue to die of overdoses in our communities. With collaboration, each community can do more to bring an end to the opioid crisis.



The CORE team, along with Ann Vermilion of the Indiana State House of Representatives, stand near the newly planted Bur Oak trees on International Overdose Awareness Day, 2021.

‘We’ve got to walk the journey in both those regards’

Grant County officials and others look to treating underlying mental health issues as fight against addiction continues

By JARED KEEVER
Marion Chronicle-Tribune

Those involved in helping loved ones and community members recover from addiction have begun to see mental health treatment as a key component to lasting recovery.

“We’ve got to walk the journey in both those regards,” State Rep. Ann Vermilion told the Marion Chronicle-Tribune in a recent conversation.

The Marion Republican has watched, and aided in, her community’s response to an opioid and overdose problem that persists to this day.

“Nationwide, 2020 was the deadliest year on record for fatal overdoses,” Lisa Dominisse, President/CEO of Grant Blackford Mental Health, said in a recent news release. “Drug overdose deaths continue to be on the rise according to a report released in January by the CDC. In Indiana our numbers reported this past year rose by 23.4 percent, higher than the national increase of 15.9 percent.”

Locally, 2021 proved far deadlier than 2020. By mid November, Grant County Coroner Stephen Dorsey said overdose deaths had topped 50, far surpassing the 30 deaths recorded in 2020.

“It is out of control,” Dorsey said at the time. “This will probably be the highest year for drug overdoses in our county’s history.”

Most of the deaths, he said, were the result of what is called a “speedball” on the street – a mix of methamphetamine and fentanyl.

That latter drug is one that comes up often. Described by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control as a synthetic opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine, its advent on the street has proven deadly because of its potency and because those who purchase it often don’t know how strong a dose they getting.

Grant County Emergency Services Direct Duaine Ashcraft told the Chronicle-Tribune in November that it is fairly apparent when a strong batch is out there.

“The ironic thing is it comes in waves,” he said. “Generally we can tell if a bad batch or a strong batch – maybe a batch of drugs that are cut with something else – hits town because we will have several in local communities as well as Marion and have overdoses.”

Most attribute at least some of the opioid epidemic’s persistence to rise of illicit fentanyl.

Data from the United State Department of Health and Human Services says that, in 2019, an estimated 10.1 million people aged 12 or older misused opioids.

“Specifically, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers and 745,000 people used heroin,” a fact sheet on the department’s website says.

The United States Centers for Disease Control says that between 1999 and 2019, nearly 500,000 people died from an opioid

overdose. In 2019, alone, more than 70 percent – nearly 50,000 – of overdose deaths involved an opioid. Opioid deaths, including those caused by heroin, prescription opioids, like OxyContin, and synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, have increased over six times since 1999, the CDC says.

The federal agency hasn’t yet published data beyond 2019. And while deaths through that year for heroin and “commonly prescribed opioids” show signs of plateauing, or even decreasing slightly, the category of “other synthetic opioids” continues a dramatic climb. Taken together, it means that deaths of all opioids combined also continue to climb.

Between 2018 and 2019, for instance, the CDC says that prescription opioid deaths decreased by 7 percent. Heroin-involved deaths dropped by more than 6 percent during that same period. But synthetic opioid deaths jumped by more than 15 percent for an overall increase of more than 6 percent for all opioid deaths.

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Marion Health
Administrative Director

Federal authorities posit that the opioid crisis and the deaths associated with it have come in three “distinct waves.”

The first wave began with increased prescribing of opioids in the 1990s, with overdose deaths involving prescription opioids (natural and semi-synthetic opioids and methadone) increasing since at least 1999,” the CDC website says.

The second, generally thought to have begun around 2010, saw deaths rise as a result of heroin use.

“The third wave began in 2013, with significant increases in overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids, particularly those involving illicitly manufactured fentanyl,” the CDC says.

That fentanyl market, “continues to change,” the agency says, with illicitly manufactured fentanyl now being found in combination with other drugs, including heroin, cocaine and counterfeit pills.

That appears to be roughly the pattern that Grant County has seen.

Vermilion told the Chronicle-Tribune recently that, when she was still in hospital administration at Marion Health around 2014 or 2015, officials there began noticing a disturbing trend.

Patients, she said, would come into to the emergency room and were “pretty much demanding their opioid prescription.”

“It was a whole different landscape,” she said, comparing what they came to recognize as the burgeoning crisis back then to the world we all live in today. “We came together and we said, ‘we have an opioid problem.’”

Vermilion praised not only the hospital’s efforts in response to that recognition, but the community’s as well.

Since that time, the county has seen the creation of the Grant County Substance Abuse Task Force, a drug court and other problem solving courts, and the Community Opioid Response Endeavor, or CORE, group which helps people new to recovery navigate their new world.

More recently, interested parties have started ensuring that the life-saving Naloxone is more readily available.

As deaths have continued to rise, officials say that many other lives have been saved.

Ashcraft, director of Grant County Emergency Medical Services, told the Chronicle-Tribune in December that first responders had administered the drug, which reverses the effects of opioid overdose, 35 times up to that point in the year. That was a 25 percent increase from the previous year.

Marion Health Administrative Director Kate Lyons said Narcan, a brand of Naloxone, is an important, lifesaving tool.

“Narcan has saved many lives,” Lyons said in December. “As we are able to get individuals in our community ready to respond with Narcan, additional lives will be saved.”

Marion Health is the lead organization for CORE, which describes itself as a team of peer support specialists that “specialize in helping people find freedom from addiction and support in recovery.”

Kristin Miles, a community health worker and peer support specialist with CORE, said she knows a great number of people that have been saved by Narcan, and encourages people to educate themselves around its use.

“It’s a hard thing. There’s a lot of stigma around it,” Miles told the Chronicle-Tribune last year. “It really is no different than any other medication people need. Addiction is a disease of the mind. I just think people don’t really understand it.”

Miles said many people think that Narcan allows people to continue to get high without consequences. However, Miles pointed out that on average, it takes people seven attempts to stop using before they get clean.

“It just gives them a second chance,” Miles said. “I don’t think we should make the decision whether that person deserves to live or not.”

Marion Health continues to convene the Grant County Substance Abuse Task Force quarterly and the Maternal Substance Abuse Task Force monthly to support, educate, and advocate for services and programs to address Substance Use Disorder.

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Life’s not always a day at the beach

Navigating life can be difficult, especially in the challenging times we’re experiencing. When you want help, the Grant Blackford Mental Health team is here to provide professional support to help you deal with mental health, substance abuse or other personal or family challenges you’re facing.



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MARION

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Grant County Sheriff’s Captain Ed Beaty, a member of the substance abuse task force, agreed that addiction is a disease.

“You have to look at it that way. Whether it was a self-inflicted disease or an accidental disease, it doesn’t matter,” Beaty said. “Human life is human life. If Narcan can save them, I see no problem in doing that.”

Beaty compared the use of Narcan to the use of insulin in diabetic patients.

“We don’t frown on a diabetic because they have to take insulin because they may not have treated their body well over the years, so that’s how I look at it,” Beaty said. “If it’s going to save their lives, it’s going to save their lives and that’s what we’re in the business of doing.”

“First responders are still overwhelmed,” Dorsey, the coroner, said in December. “It’s just overwhelming throughout the state. I can tell you that. It hasn’t slowed down.”

“We’ve had overdose deaths in just about every city and town. It’s not just Marion,” Dorsey said. “It’s happening in Van Buren. It’s happening as far as Matthews. Nobody is exempt from it in any of the parts of Grant County.”

Due to the increase in opioid overdoses all across the state, Dorsey said the state plans to place Narcan vending machines around to allow people easy access to Naloxone.

Narcan is available for free at various locations throughout the county and can be purchased at select pharmacies. Free Narcan is available in the Marion Health CORE office (330 building on the second floor), the Bridges to Health clinic, and the two NaloxBoxes at the Grant County Rescue Mission and the Renew Shop in Gas City.

Though Narcan comes with easy to follow instructions, the CORE staff provide free training, which takes between three and five minutes to complete. The CORE staff are equipped to come onsite to train at community centers, businesses or churches.

Those kind of efforts, and others, are Vermillion said make her “proud” of Grant County and how officials, churches, and other orga-



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A NaloxBoxes outside of the Grant County Rescue Mission’s Renewed Boutique and Thrift Shop in Gas City provides free Narcan to those in need.

nizations have all come together to address teh problem once it was identified.

Another key component, she said, is addressing the mental health aspect of addiction.

Oftentimes, she said, those suffering from substance abuse disorder end up with a co-diagnosis of some some other mental health issue.

And often, in order to achieve long-term recovery, both issues need to be addressed.

Angie Bever, director of Community Corrections in Miami County, and one of the chief coordinators of that county’s drug court, told the Peru Tribune earlier this year, when she was interviewed for this series that such treatment has become an important component of helping people through the drug court process.

“I think we are finding that therapy is a key component to dealing with this population,” Bever said. “Many of them have trauma and many of them have mental health issues.”

It’s one of the reasons Vermillion said she was so proud of the recently passed House Enrolled Act 1222 that, according to a news re-

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lease earlier this month, “continues a critical grant program that has expanded access to urgently needed mental health and substance use disorder treatment services across the state of Indiana.”

The program is known as the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (or CCBHC) program. The clinics are designed to provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services to vulnera-

ble individuals; with an emphasis on the provision of 24-hour crisis care, utilization of evidence-based practices, care coordination and integration with physical health care.

In Indiana, there are currently 18 CCBHC grantees throughout the state, with Grant Blackford Mental Health designated as one and a recipient of federal grants designed to help jumpstart the CCBHC program. HEA 1222, which was co-authored by Vermilion, is intended to build upon those successes and continue funding.

“Around the state our community providers have seen demand for services sky rocket” Zoe Frantz, chief executive officer for the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, said in the release. “That’s why the announcement, of Governor Holcomb signing the CCBHC legislation into law is such incredible news for the continued work of these programs and the people they serve every day. Ultimately, this program gives providers more tools to ensure those in need, will get the help they need when they reach out.”

Dominique, the president and CEO of Grant Blackford Mental

Health praised the bill saying it help them better provide services.

“On one hand we have this urgent, growing need for services – on the other hand we have less workforce to meet that demand,” she said in the release. “Programs such as GBMH’s give community behavioral health agencies more tools to successfully recruit and retain additional staff members as well as resources to ensure that consumers have access to critical, evidence-based services.”

Vermilion said it would be an important part to reaching those who need help.

There are a lot of those resources out there, she said, and part of the battle is making sure people know how to find them. The work that those in the community put in, both helping others, and talking about the problem, so that others know how to find that help is all important.

“It’s a chance for a mom ... or grandma ... or someone to understand what we have available,” she said.

This story contains writing from Chronicle-Tribune editor Jaylan Miller and previous stories published in the Chronicle-Tribune.



By NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

What is naloxone?

Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist. This means that it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. But, naloxone has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system, and it is not a treatment for opioid use disorder. Examples of opioids include heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone (Oxy-Contin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), codeine, and morphine.

How is naloxone given?

Naloxone should be given to any person who shows signs of an opioid overdose or when an overdose is suspected. Naloxone can be given as a nasal spray or it can be injected into the muscle, under the skin, or into the veins. Steps for responding to an opioid overdose can be found in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s (SAMHSA) Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit.

What are the different naloxone delivery systems?

Naloxone comes in two FDA-approved forms: injectable and prepackaged nasal spray. No matter what dosage form you use, it’s important to receive training on how and when to use naloxone. You should also read the product instructions and check the expiration date.

Injectable brands of naloxone are offered by different companies listed in the FDA Orange Book under “naloxone” (look for “injectable”). Typically, the proper dose must be drawn up from a vial. Usually, it is injected with a needle into muscle, although it also may be administered into a vein or under the skin. The FDA recently approved ZimiTM, a

single-dose, prefilled syringe that can be injected into the muscle or under the skin.

Note: Some people use an improvised nasal spray emergency kit not approved by the FDA that combines injectable naloxone with an attachment designed to deliver naloxone through the nose. However, this improvised intranasal device is not easy to assemble, especially when under pressure in an emergency, and requires training beforehand. Additionally, the FDA-approved naloxone devices have been shown to produce substantially higher blood levels of naloxone than the improvised nasal spray. These outcomes suggest that the approved prepackaged nasal spray technology is preferable over non-FDA-approved forms.

Prepackaged Nasal Spray (generic naloxone, Narcan, Kloxxado), developed as a result of NIDA-funded research, is an FDA-approved prefilled, needle-free device that requires no assembly and is sprayed into one nostril while the person lays on their back. This device can also be easier for loved ones and bystanders without formal training to use.

Is Narcan® the same as naloxone?

When naloxone was first approved to reverse opioid overdoses, its brand name was “Narcan.” There are now other formulations and brand names for naloxone, but many people continue to call all of these products “Narcan.” However, the proper generic name is “naloxone.”

Is there a preferable delivery system?

All systems used by first responders deliver the stated dose of naloxone and can be highly effective in reversing an opioid overdose. Study findings released in March 2019 suggests that the FDA-approved naloxone devices deliver higher blood levels of naloxone than the improvised nasal devices.

Can I give naloxone to someone who has overdosed?

Yes. Families with loved ones who struggle with opioid addiction should have naloxone nearby; ask their family member to carry it; and let friends know where it is. People should still call 911 immediately in the event of an overdose.

Naloxone is being used more by police officers, emergency medical technicians, and non-emergency first responders than before. In most states, people who are at risk or who know someone at risk for an opioid overdose can be trained on how to give naloxone. Families can ask their pharmacists or health care provider how to use the devices.

What precautions are needed when giving naloxone?

Naloxone works to reverse opioid overdose in the body for only 30 to 90 minutes. But many opioids remain in the body longer than that. Because of this, it is possible for a person to still experience the effects of an overdose after a dose of naloxone wears off. Also, some opioids are stronger and might require multiple doses of naloxone. Therefore, one of the most important steps to take is to call 911 so the individual can receive immediate medical attention. NIDA is supporting research for stronger formulations for use with potent opioids like fentanyl.

People who are given naloxone should be observed constantly until emergency care arrives. They should be monitored for another 2 hours after the last dose of naloxone is given to make sure breathing does not slow or stop.

People with physical dependence on opioids may have withdrawal symptoms within minutes after they are given naloxone. Withdrawal symptoms might include headaches, changes in blood pressure, rapid heart rate, sweating, nausea, vomiting, and tremors. While this is uncomfortable, it is usually not life threatening. The risk of death for someone overdosing on opioids

is worse than the risk of having a bad reaction to naloxone. Clinicians in emergency room settings are being trained to offer patients immediate relief and referral to treatment for opioid use disorder with effective medications after an opioid overdose is reversed. NIDA offers tools for emergency clinicians here.

Side effects from naloxone are rare, but people might have allergic reactions to the medicine. Overall, naloxone is a safe medicine. But it only reverses an overdose in people with opioids in their systems and will not reverse overdoses from other drugs like cocaine or methamphetamine.

How much does naloxone cost?

The cost varies depending on where you get the naloxone, how you get it, and what type you get. Patients with insurance should check with their insurance company to see if this medicine is covered. Patients without insurance can check the retail costs at their local pharmacies. Some drug companies have cost assistance programs for patients unable to pay for it.

Where can I get naloxone?

Many pharmacies carry naloxone. In some states, you can get naloxone from a pharmacist even if your doctor did not write you a prescription for it. It is also possible to get naloxone from community-based distribution programs, local public health groups, or local health departments, free of charge.

Visit the Naloxone finder website at www.getnaloxonenow.org to see resources in your area. Check with your local pharmacy.

Co-Prescribing Naloxone with Prescription Opioids

Some research suggests that when clinicians prescribe naloxone along with prescription opioids, the risk of opioid overdose decreases

even if the naloxone prescription does not get filled. The naloxone prescription appears to serve as an important educational strategy. As a result, the CDC began recommending co-prescriptions in some cases, outlined in the CDC’s 2016 Guidelines and detailed by guidance issued by HHS in 2018. In August 2019, a study showed that overall national rates for naloxone co-prescription along with any opioid increased among Medicare Part D patients.

Points to remember

■ Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids.

■ Naloxone is a safe medicine. It only reverses overdoses in people with opioids in their systems.

■ There are two FDA-approved formulations of naloxone: injectable and prepackaged nasal spray.

■ Police officers, emergency medical technicians, and first responders are trained on how to give naloxone.

■ In some states, friends and family members can be trained on how to give naloxone.

■ Naloxone only works in the body for 30 to 90 minutes. It is possible for a person to still experience the effects of an overdose after naloxone wears off or need multiple doses if a potent opioid is in a person’s system.

■ In some areas, you can get naloxone from pharmacies with or without a personal prescription from community-based distribution programs, or local health departments. The cost varies depending on where and how you get it as well as what type you get.

Editor’s Note: This fact sheet comes from the National Institute on Drug Abuse; National Institutes of Health; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you’re seeking treatment, you can call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA’s) National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (1-800-662-4357) or go to <https://findtreatment.gov/> for information on hotlines, counseling services, or treatment options in your state.

U.S. job openings, quitting at near record high in February

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
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WASHINGTON — Job openings hovered at a near-record level in February, little changed from the previous month, continuing a trend that Federal Reserve officials see as a driver of inflation.

There were 11.3 million available jobs last month, matching January’s figure

and just below December’s record of 11.4 million, the Labor Department said Tuesday.

The number of Americans quitting their jobs was also historically high, at 4.4 million, up from 4.3 million in January. More than 4.5 million people quit in November, the most on records dating back two decades. Many people are taking advantage of numerous opportunities to

switch jobs, often for higher pay. The vast majority of those quitting do so to take another position.

Tuesday’s report is separate from the government’s monthly employment report, which in February showed that employers added a robust 678,000 jobs.

The data “shows that the labor market remains torrid,” Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Amherst Pierpont,

said in a research note. “In a month when the economy added 678,000 jobs, the number of job openings only went down by 17,000. That speaks to the depth of the bid that employers have for labor.”

The outsize number of available jobs and quits has contributed to rampaging inflation, as many companies have had to raise pay to attract and keep workers. In February, there were 1.8

openings for every unemployed worker. Before the pandemic, there were usually more unemployed people than job openings.

The unemployment rate, at 3.8 percent, is near the pre-pandemic level of 3.5 percent, which was the lowest in five decades. And there are still several million fewer people working or looking for work than before the pandemic, forcing employers

to compete among a smaller labor pool.

Because of those trends, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has singled out openings and quits as a key measure of the labor market’s health and a target of the Fed’s interest-rate policies. Powell has said that the central bank hopes to reduce the number of available jobs as a way of cooling wage increases and price inflation.

PULSE

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Party will be hosting Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. for a meet and greet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the guest room at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., with a Zoom option available.

Honeywell House hosts journeys in South Asia

On Thursday, March 31, the Honeywell House will host speaker Ken Perkins who will share inspirational stories of his agricultural influence in South Asia. He has worked with a small Laotian farm for 17 years, conducted business training in Nepal and Myanmar, and served on a trade mission to Taiwan, Japan and South Korea. He recently became an advisor on raising pigs to a missionary in Tanzania. The event will begin at 7 p.m. The event is free, but with limited capacity, reservations are required to guarantee seating. For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

Paradise Spring Board offers scholarships to local high school seniors

The Paradise Spring Board has announced they will again be offering scholarships to five Wabash County seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 per student. For this year’s scholarship, “high school seniors are invited to research and write an essay about the railroad hub at Paradise Spring Historical Park and how the railroad still impacts us today.” Essay packets have been delivered to all public schools in the county or can be requested by email at ungerdeanna@gmail.com. Winners will be selected from the county schools plus one from the home-schooled, online or alternate school student groups. To receive the scholarship, the selected winners are also required to present their essays either in person or via video to be used for future programming. Completed essays and cover letters should be returned by Friday, April 1 by mail to Paradise Spring Board, P.O. Box 353, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

Monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for Monday, April 4

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, April 4, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Interpretive naturalist Eva Webb will give an overview of the Forest School Experience. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. The main dish, hot ham sliders, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be livestreamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for up-

dates. April 4 – “Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier” by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In “CommuniKate: Artalive,” Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents “Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond.” April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

Fort Wayne Komets game to celebrate Wabash County

Wabash County “will be the MVP” at the Fort Wayne Komets game on Friday, April 8 during Wabash County Night at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. The game time is 8 p.m. The game will feature the vocal talents of Mackenzie Sheridan, a Wabash native and vocal performance major at Manchester University, singing the National Anthem. Other events throughout the evening will celebrate the people and businesses of Wabash County, including Zamboni rides, the air siren to pump up the crowd and more. In addition to being in the spotlight during the game, Wabash County businesses and community members can get into the game for a reduced price. While supplies last, tickets may be purchased for \$17 per ticket by visiting www.fevome/wabashnight or by emailing mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812. Wabash County businesses who want to rent out booth space for game day can do so by emailing mitch@komets.com.

Western square dance lessons offered

Western square dance lessons will be held during the spring this year, beginning on Saturday, April 9 in North Manchester. The lessons are being sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club. The lessons will be open to beginners for three weeks on Saturdays, April 9, 16, and 23 in the Scout Hall in Warvel Park, at 7th and Market streets in North Manchester. The square dance lessons will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The first lesson is free. Subsequent lessons are \$3 per person. Lessons will move to Sunday afternoons in May and June. Everyone is invited to join the fun – couples and singles, young and older. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-215-3694 or 260-982-2814 or email rjschroll@manchester.edu.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Mary Ball Washington, mother of George Washington, presented by Indiana DAR state recording secretary Cathy Reedy. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend.

DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org/classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

GWC investors invited to an exclusive event with local legislators

Grow Wabash County (GWC) would like to extend an invitation to all of its current investors to attend an exclusive Legislative Wrap-Up event with local legislators and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Grow Wabash County conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This is event is free and exclusively reserved for Grow Wabash County investors. Registration for this event can be found by visiting members.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar/ or by emailing at marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258. The guest speakers for this event will be Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana president and CEO Bill Konyha. If any investor has questions for the guests, they will be encouraged to ask them during the event, or they can be sent ahead of time by email.

Grow Wabash County to celebrate Wabash County's top graduates

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will recognize some of Wabash County’s top academic students at the 2022

Honor Student Luncheon on Thursday, April 14. Local businesses, colleges, universities and employers interested in sponsoring students and showing your support for the next generation of talent in Wabash County can do so by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar, emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Money Smart Program to be held at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Lunch and Learn Program. The Lunch and Learn Program is free for the community and begins starting from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. The program will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of every month, through Jan. 17, 2023. Participation is limited to 14 guests. Register by calling 260-563-9622 or emailing jthibos@wabashcountnymca.org. Participants will receive a free lunch on behalf of Crossroads Bank and will have the opportunity to learn about financial management. Topics include credit reports and scores, buying a home, how to budget, managing debt and more. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountnymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountnymca.org. Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountnymca.org/jobs. To make a tax-deductible donation “to support the Y’s cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” visit www.wabashcountnymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountnymca.org.

Salamonie ‘Twins Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

WACT to host spring production of ‘The Dining Room’

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) spring production, “The Dining Room” by A.R. Gurney will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13; at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tickets will be available at the door. Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more

information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at vanderpob@yahoo.com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128.

Twelve Mile ‘Swing Into Spring’ Craft Show planned

A “Swing Intro Spring” Craft Show has been planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Twelve Mile Community Building, 7913 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile. All artisan, craft and vendors will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the Firehouse Cafe, 8060 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile.

Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 11th annual Project Spotlight

Everyone in the community, not just Beacon Credit Union members, is invited to nominate worthwhile charitable organizations, community projects and local nonprofits that they believe deserve financial support through May 31. Nominations can be submitted by visiting www.beaconcu.org or at a Member Center. Beginning July 1, the public can start voting for their favorite cause. Voters are allowed to vote once per day per community online or in a Member Center. After voting online the public may share to social media to let others know that they have voted and encourage others to vote for their favorite cause. Voting will end on July 31. The project in each community that receives the most votes will win \$1,000 of funding from Beacon Credit Union. The second-place winners will receive \$500 of funding, and a third-place winner will be randomly drawn to receive \$250 of funding.

Guardian Warriors seeks to raise funds through shoe donations

The Guardian Warriors shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

Huntington University men’s basketball camps planned

Huntington University will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp and Steve Alford Basketball Camp this summer, said assistant men’s basketball coach Ryan

Strohm. The Huntington University men’s basketball program will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 13 to 16, with lunch included for \$150; and the Steve Alford Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 to 23, with lunch included for \$200. To register, visit <https://www.huathletics.com/camps>. For more information, email rstrohm@huntington.edu or call 260-359-4313.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorceccare.org.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group available at YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the new Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with Bickford Senior Living held at the YMCA. Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group is free to the public and will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Caregivers and family members will share, support, and learn together as they care for a loved one with memory loss. For more information, email brobinson@wabashcountnymca.org, pgodfroy@wabashcountnymca.org or wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com or visit www.wabashcountnymca.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

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Finding humor in Ukraine war? It’s (always) the Onion’s way

By **DAVID BAUDER**
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — Like all effective satire, the Onion’s headline had a ring of truth: “Putin Pleased as Plot to Ruin Russian Economy, Destroy International Standing Goes Exactly to Plan.”

A month after Russia invaded Ukraine, the comedy website has been willing to Go There, to look for humor in the most searing of stories even as it unfolds. The satirical site has identified Russian President Vladimir Putin’s college major as “aggression,” showed a coastal resort in Ukraine “with extremely affordable rates right now” and said the United Nations is escalating its response to the invasion from “warnings” to “stern warnings.”

Too soon? Too bad.

“Finding comedy in the Ukraine situation serves several functions,” says Chad Nackers, editor in chief of The Onion. “It is a powerful tool for exposing the folly and absurdity and human cruelty as well as providing some release from a stressful state of affairs and an endless cycle of misery.

“Laughter,” he says, “can fill the hole created by a sense of hopelessness.”

The war hasn’t been ignored elsewhere in comedy. Late-night television has used Ukraine for familiar or tangential punch lines – Tucker Carlson, Donald Trump or the quality of Papa John’s pizza. Stephen Colbert suggested the United States add a T-shirt cannon to the weapons it sends to the Ukraine. After President Joe Biden called Putin a war criminal, Jimmy Kimmel suggested “stupid-head” was next.

True to the Onion’s nature as a brand sprung from the Midwest (Madison, Wisconsin) in 1988, there’s a whiff of gentility to its Ukraine humor. None of its sarcasm touches upon the human victims of the war.

Its list of the war’s potential outcomes ranged from “a lot of really bad speculative historical fiction” to “the Mets win the World Series.” A map of Ukraine identifies the “only decent taco place in the whole damn country.”

A mock slide show on Putin’s rise to power shows a pregnant woman with the caption, “Putin’s parents decide to try for an evil megalomaniac.” Under another picture of a gravestone, the caption reads: “Opponent

for student council treasurer suffers mysterious organ failure.”

The Onion’s decision not to ignore a thorny topic recalls one of its most impactful moments, when its print issue two weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks helped break a comedy barrier, says Sophia McClennen, a Penn State University professor and author of the upcoming book, “Trump Was a Joke: How Satire Made Sense of a President Who Didn’t.”

That issue’s cover pictured President George W. Bush under the headline, “U.S. Vows to Defeat Whoever it is We’re at War With.”

Those were more influential days at the Onion, which stopped printing editions in 2013 and now exists as a website with traffic directed through social media posts. It has a great deal more competition online now and in late-night television comedy, which grew more satirical in the wake of Jon Stewart and “The Daily Show,” says Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University.

There’s a rich history of satirical publications like Mad magazine and National Lampoon – places where the news of the day collides with the potential for laughter that can reduce its heaviness. Spy magazine burned brightly and briefly in the 1980s. Private Eye and Punch were popular English magazines. Notoriously, the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo was the target of a terrorist attack in 2015.

The Onion sometimes looks to be merely entertaining instead of satirical, says James Caron, author of “Satire as the Comic Public Sphere.”

“It’s just kind of silly at times,” Caron says.

Yet it still has the capacity to hit a target squarely. In the wake of several mass shootings in the United States over the past decade, the Onion repeated essentially the same article, changing only a few details, under the headline, “‘No Way to Prevent This,’ Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens.”

“It’s just this endless loop of horror,” Nackers says. The way the Onion matched the repetitiveness with its stories “really struck a nerve with people. It hit it in a way that is respectful. It feels like there’s a really strong point being made, but ... it doesn’t feel like you’re exploiting people.”

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Relief for Kyiv? Russia vows to scale back near the capital

By **NEBI QENA**
and **YURAS KARMANAU**
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia announced Tuesday it will significantly scale back military operations near Ukraine’s capital and a northern city, as the outlines of a possible deal to end the grinding war came into view at the latest round of talks.

Ukraine’s delegation at the conference, held in Istanbul, laid out a framework under which the country would declare itself neutral and its security would be guaranteed by an array of other nations.

Moscow’s public reaction was positive, and the negotiations are expected to resume on Wednesday, five weeks into what has devolved into a bloody war of attrition, with thousands dead and almost 4 million Ukrainians fleeing the country.

Amid the talks, Russian Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin said Moscow has decided to “fundamentally ... cut back military activity in the direction of Kyiv and Chernihiv” to “increase mutual trust and create conditions for further negotiations.”

He did not immediately spell out what that would mean in practical terms.

The announcement was met with skepticism from the U.S. and others.

While Moscow portrayed it as a goodwill gesture, its ground troops have become bogged down and taken heavy losses in their bid to seize Kyiv and other cities. Last week and again on Tuesday, the Kremlin seemed to lower its war aims, saying its “main goal” now is gaining control of the mostly Russian-speaking Donbas region in eastern Ukraine.

U.S. President Joe Biden, asked whether the Russian announcement was a sign



Petros Giannakouris / AP

The regional government headquarters of Mykolaiv, Ukraine, following a Russian attack, on Tuesday. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says seven people were killed in a missile strike on the regional government headquarters in the southern city of Mykolayiv.

of progress in the talks or an attempt by Moscow to buy time to continue its assault, said: “We’ll see. I don’t read anything into it until I see what their actions are.”

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken suggested Russian indications of a pullback could be an attempt by Moscow to “deceive people and deflect attention.”

Western officials say Moscow is reinforcing troops in the Donbas in a bid to encircle Ukraine’s forces. And Russia’s deadly siege in the south continues, with civilians trapped in the ruins of Mariupol and other bombarded cities.

“There is what Russia says and there is what Russia does, and we’re focused on the latter,” Blinken said in Morocco. “And what Russia is doing is the continued brutalization of Ukraine.”

Even as negotiators gathered, Russian President Vladimir Putin’s forces blasted a gaping hole in a nine-story government administration building in a strike on the southern port city of Mykolaiv, killing at

least 12 people, emergency authorities said. The search for more bodies in the rubble continued.

“It’s terrible. They waited for people to go to work” before striking the building, said regional governor Vitaliy Kim. “I overslept. I’m lucky.”

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said the U.S. has detected small numbers of Russian ground forces moving away from the Kyiv area, but it appeared to be a repositioning of forces, “not a real withdrawal.”

He said it was too soon to say how extensive the Russian movements may be or where the troops will be repositioned.

“It does not mean the threat to Kyiv is over,” Kirby said. “They can still inflict massive brutality on the country, including on Kyiv.”

He said Russian airstrikes against Kyiv continued.

Rob Lee, a military expert at the U.S.-based Foreign Policy Research Institute, tweeted of the Russian announcement: “This sounds like more of an acknowl-

edgment of the situation around Kyiv where Russia’s advance has been stalled for weeks and Ukrainian forces have had recent successes. Russia doesn’t have the forces to encircle the city.”

The meeting in Istanbul was the first time negotiators from Russia and Ukraine talked face-to-face in two weeks. Earlier talks were held in person in Belarus or by video.

Among other things, the Kremlin has demanded all along that Ukraine drop any hope of joining NATO.

Ukraine’s delegation offered a detailed framework for a peace deal under which a neutral Ukraine’s security would be guaranteed by a group of third countries, including the U.S., Britain, France, Turkey, China and Poland, in an arrangement similar to NATO’s “an attack on one is an attack on all” principle.

Ukraine said it would also be willing to hold talks over a 15-year period on the future of the Crimean Peninsula, seized by Russia in 2014.



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Manchester softball posts 6-4 record over spring break

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team concluded a strong week of play down in the Sunshine State on Friday, March 25.

Returning to Florida for the Spring Games for the first time in three years, the Black and Gold collected six victories in 10 games – including winning three games on the final day of competition on Friday. Manchester ended its trip with four straight wins.

A young Spartan squad opened its trip with a pair of narrow defeats on Sunday, March 20. The Spartans fell to Union College, of New York, and Washington and Jefferson, of Pennsylvania, by final scores of 4-1 and 5-2.

Manchester bounced back on Monday, March 21 with a pair of victories over Lawrence University, of Wisconsin, 9-2 and SUNY Cobleskill 10-4. The Spartans would then face their two toughest opponents on Tuesday, March 22 in Gustavus Adolphus, of Minnesota,



Provided photo by Centre Athletics

Manchester's Tori Blough gives the ball some speed at a game earlier this month.

and Benedictine, of Illinois. The Gusties and Eagles would top Manchester by final scores of 14-0 and 10-1, respectively.

The Black and Gold got hot towards the end of their trip, earning four straight victories to conclude play in the Sunshine State. Manchester started its winning streak with an 8-0 victory

over Keuka College, of New York, on Wednesday, March 23. Following a rain-out on Thursday, March 24, the Spartans rolled to three wins on Friday, March 25. Manchester opened the day with a 10-2 win over Bates, of Maine. MU would then follow with a 7-4 triumph over Centre, of Kentucky, before rounding out the trip with an

exciting 9-8 come-from-behind, extra-inning win over Middlebury, of Vermont.

The Spartans (6-10) will return to Indiana this weekend and are scheduled to play at Calvin University in Michigan on Wednesday, March 30 beginning at 3 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester's Izzy Dittmar named HCAC Hitter of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University sophomore Izzy Dittmar has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Hitter of the Week, the league announced on Monday, March 28.

Dittmar, from Warsaw and

Warsaw Community High School, had an outstanding week for the Spartans, helping guide the Black and Gold to a 6-4 mark during its Spring Break trip in Florida.

Dittmar went a combined 15-29 (.517) at the plate with two doubles, two triples and nine RBI. Dittmar was also

a perfect 3-3 on stolen base attempts and is currently on an eight-game hitting streak.

The Spartans picked up wins over Lawrence, SUNY Cobleskill, Keuka, Bates, Centre and Middlebury.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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Izzy Dittmar, from Warsaw and Warsaw Community High School, had an outstanding week for the Spartans.

WABASH TRACK TEAM PREPARES FOR UPCOMING SEASON



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Apache standout junior Taydem Harlan displays his No. 1 shot-put prowess as he practiced with teammates Monday, March 28 in preparation for the upcoming spring track and field season.

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